

HEALTH AND SANITATION - MOBILE HEALTH UNITS

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Foreign Operation Administration
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
Oct. 4, 1953

To: Surgeon General
U.S. Public Health Service
Att: Division of International Health

From: Gerald W. Ferguson
Chief, Health and Sanitation Division

Subject: Mobile Health Units

Thank you for your memorandum of Sept. 11, 1953 on the abovesubject. In general we have not been inclined to promote the use of mobile clinics because of the reasons listed in your memorandum. However we have been under considerable pressure from a representative of the W.H.O. to demonstrate their usefulness here. It was necessary to have something in writing from Washington to back up our contentions.

At one time the NEADS Section of TCA was quite enthusiastic about direct medical care including mobile clinics in an effort to show the "grass roots" in the host country that the USA was interested in their welfare.

Your memorandum brought up the question of where we obtain our technical backstopping. Do we write to the PHS? to the Saudi Arabian desk? or to the Health and Sanitation Staff of FOA? We were under the impression that it was the PHS. If this is in error, we shall correct it.

Please excuse my typing. The Mission has only two secretaries now, and it is impossible for the to do all the work that they are called upon to do.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

August 27, 1953

TO: Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service,
Attn: Division of International Health,
Washington, D.C.

FROM: G. J. Ferguson, Chief, Health and Sanitation
Division, TCA/Jidda

SUBJECT: Mobile Medical Units

On March 25 and June 7 memos were written asking for comments regarding the usefulness of mobile medical units. On July 22 a request was made regarding the cost of a unit which would be one step above a first-aid station.

No word has been received from any of these requests and we are still interested in obtaining the information.

cc: Dr. H. VanZile Hyde,
Chief, Division of International Health,
U. S. Public Health Service

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

July 22, 1953

TO: Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service
Attn: Division of International Health

FROM: G. W. Ferguson
Chief, Health and Sanitation Division

SUBJECT: Costs of Mobile Clinics

It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive cost figures for mobile clinics which are designed to furnish the most minimum facilities for a general clinic. These clinics should be one step above a first aid station.

Any opinions available on the practical application of these units would be welcomed.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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June 7, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service
Attn: Division of International Health

FROM: G. W. Ferguson
TCA, Jidda, Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Mobile Medical Units

On March 25 I requested information regarding the opinion of other health missions which had practical experience with mobile clinics. This information would be very helpful to us here. When it is compiled, we would appreciate receiving it.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

March 25, 1953
ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Division of International Health

Dear Sir:

This mission has received some indirect requests to obtain and assign one mobile medical unit to the Ministry of Health in order to see if they would be feasible here.

When this subject has been discussed, we have not encouraged the idea because we feel that with the lack of roads in Saudi Arabia mobile units are not practicable.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive some opinions from people who have had experience with mobile units in other underdeveloped countries.

Very truly yours,

Gerald W. Ferguson
Chief, Health and Sanitation Division

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